(c) and (d) Demand for foodgrains are received from States including Gujarat and are considered by the Government But, allocations of PDS items are made to the State Governments taking into account the overall stocks in Central Pool, procurement made, inter-se requirements of States/UTs and seasonal factors. PDS allocations are supplemental in nature and are not intended to meet the total demand of any State/U.T.

PRICES OF EDIBLE OIL

2281. **SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA** : Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the prices of edible oils have increased and are likely to increase more in the coming months due to delay in the reimbursement of Market Intervention Operation losses by Government;

(b) if so, whether Government are not clearing the issue resulting in the increase in prices of edible oils; and

(c) if so, the steps Government propose to take to check the rise in prices of edible oils in the country ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) and (b) No, Sir. There is no relation between the reimbursement of Market Intervention Operation losses and the market prices of edible oils. The market prices of edible oils are basically a function of the demand-supply equation.

(c) Some of the steps taken by the Government to check the rise in prices of edible oils are :—

(a) Reduction of the stock holding limits of producers, manufacturers and dealers of oilseeds and edible oils;

(b) Increase in the minimum margin money on the bank advances against oilseeds and vegetable oils by 15 per cent point across the board by RBI w.e.f. 12th October, 1993.

(c) Government's decision to import edible oils as and when necessary to supplement the indigenous supplies.

(d) Arrival of US-AID Soyabean oil.

CASES PENDING BEFORE THE DELHI CONSUMER REDRESSAL FORUM

2282. **SHRI V. GOPALSAMY :**
SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE :

Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state :

(a) how many cases are pending before the Delhi Consumer Redressal Forum for disposal, as on date;

(b) the details of the cases which are pending for three years;

(c) the number of cases which were instituted before the Forum during the last three years, year-wise ;

(d) the number of cases which were disposed of by the Forum year-wise; and

(e) what steps are being taken by Government for speedy disposal of consumer cases ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION AND THE MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) to (d) As reported by the Delhi Government 7053 cases are